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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING

Learning Through Suffering--Brought Closer Together by Persecutions.

HIS LIKENESS IS THE GOAL.

No matter how far up the incline toward perfection we may be, there may be some improvements that can be made by some effort on our part that will not only be advantageous for us, but also helpful to others who may be patterning after our example.

This is not a life to be lived alone. If it was, we might better afford to be negligent about our duties, for then no one would have to suffer but ourselves if we failed. But we cannot live to ourselves. (Rom. 14:7.) We will affect others more or less either for good or evil.

It is not altogether for ourselves alone that we need discipline and training, but as our lives come in contact with others, we will appear better to them if we have been disciplined and trained. But this is not all. In fact this is not the most of it. Others are following our example whether we have received any training or not. And if we are dilatory and awkward in appearance, or negligent and careless about our Christian duties, some body else will be that way, too.

Remember we are preparing for and expecting to take a trip upward some of these days, but if we have not submitted to discipline and training, how do we know we will get to go? When the children of Israel left Egypt six-hundred thousand strong, they "went up harnessed," or by "five in a rank." This indicates some discipline, some training, some preparation beforehand.

This going "up" out of Egypt is a type or picture of the Eagle Saints that will be caught "up" to meet the Lord in the air. (Math. 2:28.) And as this is illustrated by a wedding march (Math. 25:1.) I conclude that there will be order about it. And, as the bride or "wife hath made herself ready" (Rev. 19:7.) at a certain time, it proves that there has been some time of preparation, and the indications are that she had been humbly submitting to discipline and training.

If it is true that Jesus, the Bridegroom, was subject to discipline and training, which evidently is a fact, (Heb. 5:8.) it could hardly be expected that He would wed a wife that had never been disciplined and trained. Jesus not only learned "obedience by the things which He suffered," but He was also brought to perfection through sufferings. "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Heb. 2:10. To accomplish this, it must have meant rigid discipline and training.

Now, in giving a description about Christ's sufferings, Peter

makes special mention of what we may expect as His followers. He says, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." (1 Peter 4:1.) In other words, if He learned obedience through the things which He suffered, and was also made perfect through suffering, we had just as well prepare to go the same route if we expect to be like Him. (1 John 3:2.)

Of course all this means strict and rigid discipline and thorough training. This training will not be after the order we have heard in the past. In a passing conversation between two parties, one said to the other, "What time does meeting commence?" "O, just-when-we-all-get-there-and-commence. Eleven-o'clock-is-the-time, but we hardly-ever-get-started-till-twelve." Such a crowd of people as this will hardly "go up harnessed." They are more apt to be found in the crowd that will be left behind. (Math. 24:40, 41.) And at the very best they could hardly be expected to be higher up than the foolish virgins that will knock and the door refuse to open for them. (Math. 25:11, 12.)

When we set the time for meeting to commence at eleven o'clock, we must be there ready to assist in singing the first song. If Sunday School is announced to begin at nine-thirty, every member of the school ought to be there at that time ready to put their whole hearted service into the first song.

If you have been in the habit of lagging behind, better stir yourself up and get there on time. If you keep up the habit of falling in a little late, you are liable to try the same rule when the trumpet sounds that will call forth the sleeping nations from their graves, and you will learn to your sorrow and dismay that your rule will not be successful then. When General Putnam heard the first guns of the revolution fire, he did not even take time to unyoke his oxen in the field where he was plowing, but hastened to mount his fleetest horse and made for the front with all speed. We should not allow the world to be ahead of us in promptness. A little discipline and training on this line may help us in many other lines.

I've heard of some who refused to obey them that were watching for their souls, (Heb. 13:17.) and brought suffering on themselves and others with them on account of their disobedience. Some have failed to pay tithes according to the teaching of the assembly, and misfortune has overtaken them. And when they were thoroughly awakened they acknowledged their guilt and were assured by the Spirit

that failing to pay tithes was the cause of it.

Some of the members fail to attend services regularly, and have no excuse except they do not put forth enough effort to do so. This is in direct disobedience to the very law they promised to obey when they became members. And instead of becoming "slackers" in their attendance the law says, "and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:25.) Some of this very class wonder why they have such a hard time and have to work so hard to make a living, and then can scarcely get along. Paying tithes and attending services regularly are two causes for prosperity both temporal and spiritual. A failure to attend to these two forms of Bible order will cause them to lose out both temporal and spiritual. If it is not noticed at once, it will make itself known sooner or later in some misfortune or disaster, and in their soul they will cry, "My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me." (Isa. 24:16.)

I may not know just how to get at this properly according to Scripture, but I feel sure that some strong disciplining and training is needed. There should be some means to stir up these disobedient lazy members to keep them from losing their souls. They will not be ready to go when Jesus comes, nor ready to die when death steals upon them, without some form of disciplining and training before hand. It is for their good that the means is used, however rough and unfair it might seem to them.

An incident to illustrate the point will be fitting here: "Several years ago a woman, with her little boy was riding in a stage-coach in western Montana. The weather was bitter cold, and, in spite of all the driver could do to protect her, he saw that the mother was becoming unconscious from the cold. He stopped the coach, took the baby and wrapping it warmly, put it under the seat, then seized the mother by the arm, and dragging her out upon the ground, drove away, leaving her in the road. As she saw him drive away, she ran after him, crying piteously for her baby. When he felt sure she was warm, he allowed her to overtake the coach and resume her place by her baby." Can we not imagine her gratitude when she realized that he had saved her life? He had done as God sometimes does, to shake us out of soul-lethargy and moral sleep which would end in death.

I think I fully realize that there must be some kind of means whether rigid or mild, instituted or discovered and put into practice, or some of our people are soon going to drop into hell. Not because they have done any wicked deed, or performed any particular outlandish act, but because they, from want of exercise in doing their duty in different ways, failed to pay tithes and attend services included, have become almost unconscious of their condition and nearly frozen to death.

Another branch of disciplining and training is necessary to af-

fect those who hatch up some peculiar theory and try to advance it, and even try to persuade some of the more able and capable and established members and teachers to accept it, although it may be contrary to the teaching of the assembly. The mystery to me is, why do people want to spend their time in inventing farfetched ideas and isms when souls are going on in sin all around them that such absurd ideas and isms will never save. Preach repentance and pray! Preach Holiness and pray! Preach the real gospel as Peter did on the day of Pentecost and pray!

Peter preached repentance and baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost and brought in more souls under one sermon than all the fads, and absurd notions, and isms, petty theories of an inflamed brain, and other things that might be mentioned, would bring in under a million sermons. Stick to the plain simple gospel like Peter and his crowd preached it and it will be better than some craze the devil has hatched up to side-track you from the main line of salvation and the beautiful life of Holiness, and the Church of God.

It is true that people are learning through suffering, but one should not mill around and suffer over the same thing all the time. It is more interesting to have something new.

There is no doubt but what the Christian people of the world will be brought closer together by persecutions, preparatory to the rapture. I believe persecutions will drive people to the Church of God for protection. Then in the same manner will the members be more thoroughly and closely knit together. And they will have such to contend with on the outside that they will have no time for little petty differences within.

Jesus promised us persecutions with other good things as if persecutions are good for us too. And we know that He could prevent persecutions if it was His wish to do so, but they are promised, and the Lord has said, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Ps. 84:11.) And it is to the upright that the persecutions are promised.

There is just one height for which we are striving and His likeness is the goal. In order to reach the goal we will have to tread the pathes He trod, and this means suffering and persecutions. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound," so the greater the oppositions and persecutions the greater the grace. The greater the suffering the more closely the Lord will look after us. This was illustrated in the fiery furnace, in the lions' den and in the garden when the angel came to strengthen our Master, who learned obedience by the things He suffered and was also made perfect through the same process.

Sometimes the discipline may seem rigid, and the training severe and useless, but without both, we will not be successful in our race up the steep to the goal high above.

Let us be subject to Him and prompt in our duties and make ourselves behave right.

Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am praising God for victory through the blood of Jesus. I am on the field seeking for lost souls.

On my way from Canton, N. C., to this place I stopped at Cleveland, Tenn., where I met a band of saints on fire for God. On Saturday night I went to meeting at the tabernacle in South Cleveland, where we had a glorious time. Sunday morning I attended Sunday school at the church and there were eleven classes. I was delighted to see such a Sunday school. After Sunday school there was preaching service when the missionary offering was taken up. A message was given on missions that touched many hearts. In the afternoon I attended another Sunday school in another part of the town. Then we went to a baptizing where twenty were baptized. It was a wonderful time; there was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. It was great to hear the praises of God echoing from the hills. How the faces of those in the water did shine. It almost seemed like heaven.

I am now in Huntsville, battling against the devil. Satan comes so many ways, but no matter what comes, we must serve the Lord.

Your brother in His service,
C. T. Morgan,
in care of Ry. Maddox,
Dallas, Ave.

Bridgetown Barbados.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

Arrived here June 29. Found Brother James A. Joseph, leader of a Pentecostal mission. I preached the great Church of God to them and the Lord revealed it to them by His Word, and as the Lord continued to lead they were soon hungry to be in the Lord's Church, and last night we set it in order with fifty members. Most of these have the Holy Ghost, and those who do not are seeking. Two have received since we came.

Will be able to give a better report later.

Your humble servant,
F. L. Ryder.

Notice.

The fine meeting in Atlanta, Ga. is truly a revival. Hundreds are in attendance. Many are greatly blessed. Some five or six have already received the Holy Ghost and others are shouting quite a little.

Some say they never heard the gospel before, and as usual some are opposing.

Well, thank the Lord, we are glad of it for if there was no opposition we would know we were wrong.

Old times seem to have come again. Many throng the altar and look on while we rejoice and talk with other tongues.

Truly, the great meeting time has come and we expect to see all of God's saints united into "one" body soon.

Pray for us.

M. S. Lemons.

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EDITORIAL.

Lookout! The coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

We are anxious to have every one of our members to read the Evangel, because it always contains something they should know.

These are thrilling days, and the end is rapidly approaching. No one knows what the next week will bring, but our people should be fully prepared to meet what ever comes.

The government has provided that our men who make affidavits for exemption or discharge are not required to "swear," but they can "affirm," and no one should neglect this point. The word "swear" should be marked out, and the word "affirm" written above.

The Lord is greatly prospering the Church of God this year. This is another evidence of the soon coming of Jesus. We are unable to express our gratitude to Him for His goodness, and the way He is honoring our efforts this year in every place where our people are laboring.

We are trying to supply our representatives with plenty of extra copies of the Evangel, so they can get it before the people. If a copy falls into your hands, and you are not already a subscriber, this is a kind invitation to subscribe now. We will have some more thrilling things to report as time rolls rapidly on, and besides this, there is always good spiritual food for those who are hungry.

We are prepared to furnish our brothers who have registered for the war, the necessary papers to show we are a regularly organized Church, and was such before the 18th of May, 1917. We will also assist them in showing that the principles of the Church have been opposed to war for many years. After they are examined and have filed their claim for exemption or discharge under the plea of Church membership, and whatever else they have, they should write us for these papers. They will have ten days to get up their proof and file it. We will be ready to reply promptly.

Linden, Fla.

To the Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' name.

I praise God this morning for saving me. It has been a little over four years since I was saved,

and I have been a member of the Church of God about two years, and want the experience of entire sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I can see in God's Word that it is a real experience, and I feel the need of it myself, and I ask all the readers of the Evangel to pray earnestly for God to give me the experience and surely He will do it for His Word says that the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Yours for the Master,
George P. Parish.

Charlotte, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am glad I can report victory in my soul.

Have just closed a meeting at the Church of God at White Oak Flat, Tenn. Twenty-five were converted. Out of this number five were sanctified and eleven were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Seventeen were added to the dear old Church of God and eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

A deaf and dumb girl was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Just before receiving the Holy Ghost she spoke plainly and said "glory, hallelujah" twice. The Lord sure blessed wonderfully in this meeting. The power of God was manifested in many ways.

A sister was taken very sick in the meeting. The sinners thought she was at the point of death. They said we could pray all night but she would not be healed. We kept holding on to God till He gave us the victory. She arose shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and handling fire. She held the blazing lamp under her chin for five or ten minutes, then turned the lamp down shaking it under the power of God. The oil was sprinkled on herself and others. The oil burned off and left her garments unscorched.

Sinners certainly were amazed. Some in their great fright were running, jumping out the windows and going out the doors. Many were convinced that it was the real power of God.

This country is certainly stirred up at what God has been doing for us. People have been coming from thirty-five miles away. It is wonderful how the Lord is blessing His little ones who stay low and humble at His feet.

From here we go to a place three miles west of White Bluff to hold a meeting. Pray that God may give us many souls.

Your brother and sister on the battlefield,

C. M. Guire and Wife.

Report.

Our meeting at Copperhill is still in progress, where we have been five weeks with the pastor T. A. Richard. We do not know how long it will continue, but thank God, so far He is wonderfully blessing the people.

The church is in fine working order. Nineteen have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and about twenty-eight saved and sanctified, eight added to the Church and more to follow.

Last Sunday night there were nineteen at the altar crying out for mercy.

Pray much for the meeting and all the saints at Copperhill.

Yours for lost souls,

W. F. Bryant.

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Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Church of God Evangel Family:

Since I have read the little paper so much and have seen how true some of the people have lived and God has blessed them so much, I want the blessing. I know there is something in it, something I haven't got.

I want the saints to pray for me to be healed. I have just undergone an operation and am now in the hospital. My case was so very serious I didn't think the Lord could heal me I didn't have faith. At the same time sister Maples, a woman of God, pleaded with me, to trust myself in God's hands. She would say "Jesus can heal you for He always heals me when I am sick." Then she told how Jesus had healed her when she was in the very jaws of death. Somehow I couldn't believe that way, but while I was on the operating table, I saw Jesus with His hands stretched forth healing great numbers of people and when I woke up I was saying "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

I was cast out into the world when I was only nine years old but have always tried to make a man out of myself. My mother gave me away when my father died and I was twenty-one before I ever saw her. I worked my way through a holiness college I am now thirty-one years old.

I want the Holy Ghost. I can not live without Him. I know the time is short and I want Jesus in my life. I never thought there was so much joy in the Holy Ghost until Mrs. Mae Maples came where I boarded. Her room was next to mine and I could hear her praying and talking in tongues at twelve o'clock in the night. I want the same blessing. I know she has Jesus in her life because worldly things do not attract her. Before she came to the boarding house they would have music and dancing but since she came there has been no dancing. The Lord sent her to be a blessing, I never did see anyone do as she does. When someone says anything about her she will say "God bless them." I want to live that way.

I have been in the army twice and if they conscript me and take me back I want Jesus in my life so I will never draw the gun on any one. I want to serve Jesus. If I ever get out of this hospital I will never go into

another. I will take Jesus for my Healer. I know He can do the work with out a pain.

Saints, don't forget to pray for me for I want to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, for I know that is the only way.

David Reed Lafferty,
General Hospital.

Valparaiso, Chile, S. A.

Dearly Beloved in Him, who is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before His throne:

Just a few lines to tell you I have victory through His blood, the precious blood of Jesus. The Lord is still working in our midst and I have the opportunity to witness for the Church of God, which God revealed to me while in Egypt. I can say with the Apostle Paul, my knowledge of the Church did not come by man, neither through man, but by revelation. As I tell them here how the signs follow believers, they are astonished at this doctrine. Through these weeks of prayer God has certainly blest these Spanish people. To Him be all the Glory.

The leader has not yet returned. Pray He may have His way with me, for you I am praying that in these perilous times God may bring out a church, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners," and His banner over us will be divine love. Doors are closing for missionaries and we must pray much for God's Spirit to do the work of convicting and converting souls and to prepare us for the rapture.

Your sister wanting more of the more excellent way,

Lucy M. Leatherman.
care United States Consul.

Akron, Ohio.

My Dear Brother:

Brother and sister Haynes came to our home in June. They are the first ones of the "Church of God" I ever met. I am a returned missionary from Turkey in Asia. I have been praying ever since I came back to this country for God to raise up a real New Testament "Church of God." I am so glad of all God is doing in the South-land and am pleased to put my name on record for all it stands for.

I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Azusa St., Los Angeles, Cal., on July 2, 1906. My heart has been overflowing with His sweet peace and love ever since. There has been so much confusion and laying aside the old Bible standard of sanctification that I have not been able for a long time to fellowship with the Pentecostal people.

My husband and I opened Bethel Home a year ago for Bible study and prayer. Brother O. E. Borton of Toledo has been wonderfully taught of God. He has been with us as a co-worker for three months, in giving out the Word to the hungry souls who come here.

Yours in His glad service,
Mary Radabaugh,
463 E. South St.

Now is the Time to Move Forward

SAM C. PERRY

When the children of Israel were leaving Egypt they were confronted with a great obstacle. In front of them the red sea, and behind them Pharaoh's hosts. It was just at such a time of distress that God said to Moses speak to the people that they "go forward." This was their only redemption, God might have made another way of deliverance, but this was the one He chose. They must move or be swallowed up. The danger ahead looked as great as the one behind, but God always has a way out no matter what Satan's resources or efforts may be, God is leading ahead, He has something before to which He is always carrying His people, and all the ordinary or extraordinary happenings of the individual's life or in the life of the nations are tending toward that final glory of His faithful ones. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Through all the trials, tribulations, persecutions, afflictions, sorrows, self-denials, famines, wars, etc., God is moving greatly on the consummation of the ages, and to the glorification of His own. We stand back in horror at the things which are coming to pass in the earth. But Jesus said "when these things come to pass" you may know that He is near "even at the door," at the appearing of the signs He also said "look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

With many hearts broken and bleeding on account of what is happening in the earth today, what better time could there be for sowing the gospel seed? at such a time and under such circumstances some hearts are more susceptible to the light of the gospel.

God has to bring trouble upon some people before they will turn to Him. They will not see or feel their need of God until He uses severe measures to bring them to time.

With such openings as God is making everywhere for His Word to be carried forward, His soldiers should lay aside every weight and hindrance, and carry the message to as many places as possible. But we might remember that it is very necessary that we go at our work intelligently and with the spirit of the meek and lowly Christ. There is no room for triflers no matter how much demand there is for workers.

In the armies of the nations great disaster some times results from incompetent or poorly trained officers, and so in the Lord's armies they are just as dependent upon efficient leaders. We certainly need training camps where our soldiers may be trained before going to the front. Raw recruits often injure the work more than they help it. We should all be helpers, not hinderers, and while God's signs are in the earth, and the evangelizing of nations is progressing, is a good time for God's humble children to be maturing and ripening in their experiences that they be prepared for a place in the rapture.

They see the fulfilling of the scriptures that have been familiar to them for so long. God's Word is becoming more and more a living reality to them. Its continued fulfillment right before

their eyes strengthens and confirms their faith in God and the realities of the coming Kingdom. They see the things of earth shifting preparatory to the ushering in of the glorious Kingdom. They see the troubling of the evil doers, the breaking up of the order that so long has been led by the dragon, the earth preparing, getting in shape, for the last great conflict—all these things strengthen their confidence in the faithfulness of Him who has promised. As they see things moving on schedule time, they are encouraged to continue looking until they see the full realization of their hope, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Every one that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself even as he is pure." The prospect of His coming inspires to holier living to a better experience, to greater fullness of power for knowing and serving God. It brings a new activity in the heart, faith goes forward with a bound, love deepens and patience has her perfect work, zeal and courage go forth in their full development.

It surely is time to put on the beautiful garments, have our loins girt about with the truth, our lamps trimmed and burning, "for now is our salvation (the coming of the King to catch away His bride) nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13,11-12.

Notice.

I would like to know where I can get some good land to tend next year, from five to ten acres. I would like to get to a place where there are only a few who have the Holy Ghost, or none at all. We could then do some work for the Lord. Wife and I both have the Holy Ghost. We have three children.

I am a brakeman on the C. and I. R. R., and I cannot see my way clear to work on Sunday, so I expect I'll lose my job soon.

I would like to hear from some one who has some good place that we could raise enough for our support. I am not a preacher but I want to work for the Lord, such as holding prayer meetings and etc. I want to win lost souls for Christ.

I am very anxious for the land, if Jesus tarries, and it be His will.

If you are interested please write to S. C. Luther, Colcord, W. Va.

Brewster, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a meeting at this place. Our pastor, brother E. L. Simmons, was with us and preached the Word with power which brought fear and conviction on the hearts of the people in this place; and I'm sure the Word will not return void but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent.

One was saved and two sanctified and the saints were edified.

The services closed with seekers at the altar. Men and women were made to tremble and weep under the mighty power of God.

Oh, how I do praise God for sending brother Simmons here as our pastor. He holds up such a clean and pure gospel to the

lost world. We are expecting a great harvesting time at this place soon for the righteous seed has been sown.

I praise God for a full and free salvation that keeps me saved every day and hour and keeps victory in my soul. It has been almost four years since the Holy Ghost came into this temple of mine and I am so glad to say that He still abides. Praise His dear name! I praise the Lord because I can trust Him for all, for my body as well as my soul. This is a wonderful way, a living way, the highway of holiness. Glory to God!

Your sister in Christ,
W. S. Mann.

WAR NOTICE

[Most of the following appeared in the paper last week, but being assured by some that it had failed to reach many of the brothers who have registered we decided it would be best to continue it this week. Hope the friends that read this will try to get it before our brothers that have registered.---Ed.]

We have been giving, from time to time, some little scraps of information about the registration and conscript act in order to urge our men to keep a close watchout for news or information from the government, so they could be ready to file exemption claims. I earnestly hope that all are now very well informed about the matter so they will know just what to do. The information has been given in the public press along as the government has deemed proper to dispense it. If, however, there are any that are not thoroughly acquainted with their duties I advise that they secure the assistance of a friend or attorney upon whom they can depend, because this is a particular thing, and a flaw on account of a little ignorance of the proper steps to take may prove disastrous and send them to the war, and this we want to avoid. The principles of the Church of God are against war, and we cannot afford to have our consciences torn and bleeding on account of being forced into it if there is any way out of it. So far, our government is reasonable and does not show any disposition to bind our conscience by forcing us into war against our religious convictions. Under the head of exemptions there are six reasons given for exemption. Only one of these will apply to our people with probably few exceptions. No. 2. Reads thus: That you are a regular or duly ordained minister of religion. If the proper proof is formed and it is done in the proper order this will exempt our ministers. This ought to include Bishops, Deacons, and Evangelists, but this may depend on the interpretation of the law or rules in the hands of the exemption board. We consider each of these orders as regular ministers, sent forth to preach, baptize and receive applicants into church membership.

Under the head of Claims for Discharge, there are more reasons given whereby we hope to save our men. The main ones to apply to us are as follows:

No. 8. That you are a married man with a wife or child dependent upon you for support.

9. That you have a widowed mother dependent upon your labor for support.

10. That you have aged or infirm parents dependent upon your labor for support.

12. That you are a brother of an orphan child or children

under 16 dependent on your labor for support.

13. That you are a member of any well-organized religious sect or organization and existant May 18, 1917, and whose then existing creed or principles forbade its members to participate in any war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organization.

This last will certainly liberate our people entirely, for we have been non-resistant from the very beginning, and one of our principle teachings has been, "But whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." This is shown in a leaflet that we can furnish any one on application.

The only difficulty I see in this is the preparing and filing of the proof and affidavits before the local exemption boards. In this, great care should be taken on the part of the registrant to have every item in perfect order.

Here is where it may be best in some cases to secure the assistance of an attorney, or friend upon whom you can depend, if you are the least bit in doubt of your knowledge and ability to perform such legal duties.

The time to attend to these matters is now here. You have seven days from the time you are called to your local board for examination to file your claim for exemption or discharge. Then after you file this claim you have ten days to prepare proof.

When you file your claim for exemption or discharge you must call for and obtain the necessary forms from the local exemption board.

There is much information that has not yet been given to the public by the government and it is necessary for every registrant to watch his local exemption board office for any additional information that might be to his interest in filing claims or preparing proof, or anything else.

In filing these claims, and, as a church as a whole, we want to be able to prove to the government that it is not a matter of cowardice or rebellion, but strictly a matter of conscience and religious principles that causes us to make appeal for exemption and discharge.

If any of our members should in any way advocate war, or try to persuade any of these registrants to go on to war, or urge or enthruse them into a desire to fight, such members will be considered disloyal to the Church and also to the Christ of the Bible, and a continuance of the same may lead to the necessary action under our laws and principles. Such as this, however, seems very unlikely, as it is our purpose to have only such as members that are truly loyal to the blessed Jesus.

If you find according to your instructions that you will receive that you need our assistance in making certain proof about the church and its principles, you have only to call on us by mail or wire and we will do our best to furnish it on short notice. We hold ourselves in readiness to help our brothers in this time of peril any way that is in our power. And we have certain writings prepared that every one may need which we will furnish on application.

If there are more than one of these points named that applies to you, then you should use them. File a claim for every one that applies to you, and your local board will furnish you with cer-

tain forms for every different cause if you ask for them. Never "swear," but always "affirm" in making your affidavits before a notary public.

Some of our friends outside the church have already appealed to us for assistance, but much as it grieves our heart we are helpless to lend them any assistance now. It is too late now even to join the church with that object in view. Pentecostal people ought to have seen something of the value of the great Church of God a long time ago. For years we have been heralding the message far and wide and trying to show those with whom we come in contact that the Church of God is a means of protection for God's children, in these last days, and permit me to say that this will be proven more and more as the great day approaches.

As time runs on, God reveals the mysteries more and more, and we must get more and more settled down to working order as is required for the last days, deeper in His grace and Spirit and more thoroughly settled and protected under His great government—The Church of God.

Foxworth, Miss.

Dear Saints—Greeting in the Name of Jesus:

I want every one to please pray for the Lord to heal my body. I am getting along all right except where they kicked me in the side. I want to get out in the work of the Lord again if it is the will of our blessed Lord. The harvest is so great and the laborers are so few I want to do all I can for the Lord. Bless His sweet name, how sweet I feel in my soul because my blessed Redeemer liveth and has counted me worthy to suffer for His name's sake. I feel more humble than I ever have before; I feel as if I have had a double anointing.

If you want to feel good in your soul just keep obeying Jesus until you get a whipping for His sake. I can now realize why Paul and Silas sang and rejoiced in prison. I can look at the bloody shirt that I had on when I was whipped and shout and bless His name. I am not only willing to be whipped but I am willing to lay down my life for this great cause if it is the Lord's will. Praise His holy name.

Please pray for us here in southern Miss. that the Lord may have His way. Some great things are being done here in the name of the Lord: Fire is being handled, broken bones healed, typhoid fever healed, devils being cast out and people are speaking in new tongues. We are marching right on and using the two edged sword in this great battle.

Dear brothers and sisters let us do all we can for we soon will be caught up to meet Jesus. Glory to God!

Your brother in the battle,
W. E. Evans. R.1, Bx.51.

Notice.

Dedication service, and all day meeting, at Cripple Creek, Va. Sunday, Aug. 12, 1917.

Every body invited. Bring your dinner and stay all day.

Come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord.

T. L. McLain,
Overseer of Va.

Camp Meeting.

At Hayesville, N. C., R. F. D. will begin August 10th, and continue ten days or longer. Everybody invited to camp.

W. A. Capshaw, in charge, with other workers.
O. C. Martin, pastor.

Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I am praising God for real salvation, and victory through the blood of Jesus. I praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire.

About two years ago I heard this wonderful gospel preached and knew it was real, and began seeking, and praise God, it was not long until He gave me the desire of my heart. For more than one year, wife and I were thrown among the "Finished work" people who denied sanctification but we held to God's Word, and today the people who fought and opposed sanctification are powerless and divided; and some have gone into what is known as the "New Truth," claiming that Jesus is God and that God the Father and God the Son are one and the same and are baptizing in the name of the "Lord Jesus." But praise God, we kept holding on to God and asking Him to send the real truth there or take us out from among such false teaching, and He has delivered us, and today I am out for God, to do His blessed will.

We have been at this place about ten days and God is working. It is a new field and people seem to be hungry, but it is almost like a heathen land. Four have been saved and one sanctified. We will be here until about August 1st, D. V. We want to see the Church of God set up here, but we will first have to let God make the material.

Pray much that God may have His way and that we may follow where He leads.

Yours under the blood,

E. C. Scarbrough,

155 Jackson Street.

Laveen, Ariz.

To all the dear Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' name.

I want to sound a note of praise for my Savior. I can say I have victory in my soul. Glory to God!

I received the Holy Ghost about two years ago and today finds me still in the way of holiness. It seems to me that the way grows brighter every day.

I certainly do praise God for healing our darling baby. She had something on her breast like a cancer and it had run for over six months. We prayed for her often but it seemed like she couldn't live much longer. We then sent a handkerchief to Brother Tomlinson and the dear saints at Cleveland, Tenn., to pray over, and when the handkerchief was returned, we placed it on her breast and it began to heal at once. Praise God, it is truly wonderful what Jesus will do for His children if they will only trust Him.

There is no Church of God at this place and there are only three of us who have the Holy Ghost. We enjoy reading the Evangel so much.

I desire the prayers of God's people. I want to be humble at the feet of Jesus, and be found ready when Jesus comes or calls, for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh. There will be a great rejoicing when all the redeemed ones get home. I am glad that I can say I'm one of them.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Sallie Mull.

Moniac, Ga.

Have just closed a meeting here with great success for the Lord. The ten who received the Holy Ghost in the meeting that was held three miles from here placed their membership at this place.

We have been in a fight here with the enemy of our souls. It has been a hard place, but thank God, Jesus gave the victory. Seventeen have received the Holy Ghost and many have been saved and sanctified and eighteen have been baptized in water. Brother Jim Culpepper, of Fargo, Ga., came and set the church in order with twenty-three members. Brother Z. R. Thomas was with us a few days and God used him greatly in giving out the Word. Brother Walter Rush was with us also, and Sister Maggie Jefford was with us the last week. Her sweet testimonies and gentle spirit touched many souls. She lived here several years ago. She certainly did good work in the meeting. The Fargo saints came down the last Sunday and oh, how God blessed us. There was much shouting, dancing and other manifestations of the Holy Ghost.

God has revealed Himself in a wonderful way here. Most of these who have received the Holy Ghost are young men. It did me so much good to hear them bid the devil good-bye and step out to follow Jesus. Many of these boys had visions while seeking the Lord and since then also. You will hear from Moniac some of these days. I feel that many will go from here to the battlefield. God has laid His hand upon some of them already.

Many signs have been seen here lately. One man saw a large black eagle arise in the west going eastward. Its wings reached from one side of the horizon to the other and it passed quickly out of sight and only about a minute passing over. It had the appearance of smoke. Many flashes of fire have been seen in the meeting. A large ball of fire was seen to appear and then it bursted. Well glory, I'm pressing on! God has told us many times, "what you do, do quickly," and I am in a hurry. He is coming soon.

This makes two churches the Lord has helped me to get established, and about fifty have received the Holy Ghost this spring.

My own precious crippled boy received the Holy Ghost and was baptized and came into the beautiful Church of God. Needless to say this repaid me a thousand times for my work with other mothers' boys and girls.

My oldest boy is in the army and leaves for France the first of August. I am going to Macon to be with him until he leaves. Saints, will you please pray for him to return and preach this gospel some day? That is the only aspiration I have for my boys.

Please pray much for me to be led by the Spirit of God and to be kept in His will.

Yours in the battle field to fight until I die,

Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

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Lindale, Ga.Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for a full and free salvation that really keeps us free from sin every day. I am praising God for His goodness to me. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and the Lord has done the same for my husband. Praise His sweet name.

I started in this way only four weeks ago, but praise His sweet name, this way is sweet to me and I am determined to hold out to the end in spite of all the devil can do.

I praise God because He heals my body and when my children gets sick I can trust them to Him. I am trusting Him for every thing, bless His sweet name.

I want every saint who reads this to pray for husband and me that we may ever stay humble at the feet of Jesus and do His will, what ever it may be.

Your sister in Christ,

Janie Coley.

Masons Fork, Ky.

To all the Saints:

I want to let every body know that I am still on the battle field warring against the devil and all of his doctrine.

I praise God for the good old way that takes men and women to heaven. This way just suits me.

Sunday, July 15th, was a great day at our new mission hall. The people met at ten o'clock for the morning service. After preaching, dinner was served then we had the communion service and washed the saint's feet. That day will be long remembered. There was talking in tongues, dancing, shouting and some good testimonies. A large crowd attended and many of them seemed hungry for the Word. Our house was not large enough to accommodate the people and some of them stood outside in the rain.

This has been a hard place but people seem to be waking up since our new hall has been built.

Will be glad for a Church of God preacher to visit this mission. It is four miles west of Berea, Ky.

May God bless the saints everywhere.

Your brother in Christ,

Jim Wylie.

Berea, Ky.

Benhaden, Fla.

Dear Brother W. H. Cross has just closed a meeting at Pine Level Church. Brother Cross certainly is on fire for God and he stands for the whole truth. I am sure he has done much good here for he gave out the truth in the good old Bible way.

We are praying that the dear old Church of God will be set in order soon and I believe it will be, for the Lord will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly.

I praise God for the baptism with the Holy Ghost and because I am in the old path. I am determined by the help of God to stay in the old path until I reach my journey's end.

Your brother under the blood,
W. W. Spears.

Prayer Wanted.

A few weeks ago little Henry Woodson, son of Clarence and Mayme Woodward, of Munfordville, Ky., got his feet burned very severely. One of them has healed up nicely, but the other one is in a bad condition. Sister Mayme, who used to work in the Evangel office, is a full believer in God's power to heal and requests the saints to pray a special prayer for her baby.

Fosters Falls, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

I want to praise God for what He has done for me. He saved me, glory to God, later He sanctified me and gave me the baptism of the Holy Ghost and set me in the Church of God and He is still so wonderfully blessing my soul. I'll never get through praising Him for this experience.

It seemed that the enemy of my soul did everything he possibly could to make me doubt the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but thank the dear Lord, He sent brother and sister Trim here, and in one of the meetings, God gave me a clearer witness of what He had done for me. Glory to His name, I am settled in His love and grace never to be shaken. He says His grace is sufficient for my deliverance in temptation.

I have promised God in time of our affliction that I would testify to His power and truly God has healed our afflictions. Thank God for this wonderful plan that He has so wonderfully fixed for us!

I desire an interest in the prayers of all God's children that I may be faithful till He comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,
Flora G. Turner.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to our great King for His love to me. I praise Him for His saving power.

I was saved from sin about twenty five years ago and six years later I was wonderfully sanctified and oh, the joy, that filled my soul. Glory! I am still under the blood, and by God's help I am going through, bless God.

Nine years ago last April, the Holy Ghost came in and spoke for Himself. I will never forget that time. I then became a member of the grand old Church of God and I am still a member and on my way to glory land.

I am so glad that Jesus is my Healer. I trust Him for both soul and body. Praise God, we find in Him all we need.

I have not taken any medicine in nine years and I have good health most all the time. I praise God for it all.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be a shining light in this world. I want to be so much like Jesus that people can see there is something in salvation. It is my desire to do something for lost humanity.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. L. F. Smith.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am a little girl eight years old. I am saved and sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. I am not ashamed of my Lord.

When I feel like shouting, I'm going to shout, and if anyone laughs I can laugh with them.

My sister, Annie, received the Holy Ghost Sunday and mother and I are seeking and we desire the prayers of the saints.

Annie Lee Stacy of Trenton, Ark., I was so glad to hear of you receiving the Holy Ghost. Mama says I may come and be in your meeting this summer.

I have the whooping cough now, please pray that the Lord will heal me.

Your little sister,
Edna Lessley.

Arcadia, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to request the prayers of all of God's children that I may be reclaimed. I am a miserable backslider and I want to get back to the Lord. I know Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready to go to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Dear saints, please pray hard for me, also pray for my husband, he, too, is in a back slidden condition.

We read the little white-winged messenger every week and oh, it makes me so hungry to get back to God.

May the Lord bless you all, and please pray a special prayer for me.

Lottie Bohannon.

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